

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs. The monthly meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was largely attended last evening. Peter B. Simons, Esq., president, conducted the opening exercises after which the essay of the evening was read by Judge Peirce. The subject of the essay was "Woman as seen in the Old Testament." It proved instructive and entertaining, and was happily received by an attentive audience.

A question for debate in keeping with the subject of the essay followed. "Were the women mentioned in the Bible in any respect better than the women of modern times?" The discussion was spicy, and elicited much applause. Several took part in it, but the negative had the advantage decidedly. Fifty-two new members were elected to the association, and on this occasion was furnished by the choir of the West Arch Street Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Professor Jean Louis, and added greatly to the pleasant entertainment of the evening.

A young man giving the name of Thomas Lindsay was yesterday afternoon arrested by Detective Gordon and Policeman McGuckin, for an alleged attempt to relieve Miss Virginia Richards of her portmanteau whilst she was looking at the proceeds at Twelfth and Arch streets, and also with attempting to rob another female who was standing in front of the Continental Hotel. He had a hearing before Justice Kerr, and was held in \$2000 bail to answer.

During the past week the following vessels cleared for the Atlantic: Brig Anna, for Elsinore, with 93,456 gallons; brig Mowe, for Oporto, with 51,231 do.; brig Therman, for Gibraltar, with 69,686 do.; barque Queen, for Hamburg, with 247,464 do.; barque Adria, for Magazette, with 147,464 do.; brig merchan, for Liverpool, with 288,169 do.; brig Alma, for Königsburg, with 69,689 do.; barque Franklin, for Antwerp, with 131,040 do.; and barque Vesta, for Cronstadt, with 123,378 do., making a total of 1,071,738 gallons for the week. Two ships and eight boats were loading and producing.

John Delaney, aged sixteen years, was run over by a light wagon yesterday about twelve o'clock, noon, and injured. He was removed to his home, Fifteenth and Parrish streets.

Last evening the concluding ceremonies attending the Semi-centennial Anniversary of the I. O. O. F. were well attended. At Horticultural Hall the visiting German Lodges were entertained by their brethren of this city. At the Academy address were delivered by P. G. M. Williams, Esq., of Boston, Mass.; P. C. M. Thomas, Esq., of Trenton, N. J.; Roy M. Meredith, of New Jersey; and P. G. S. Thomas Sanders, of New York. At the Pink ball, which was a grand success, came off. The Grand Lodge visited the edifice at 12 o'clock.

The concert given at the Masonic Fund Hall on Friday evening, April 23d, inst., under the auspices of the choir of Zion P. E. Church, was eminently successful, taking a large and fashionable audience by surprise and pleasure; a pleasing result, that invokes a public tribute of appreciation to the art amateur who conducted this concert, we learn was Mr. Yost, the organist of the above church, under whose skillful acquirements, profound musical knowledge, and practical experience in Europe, this amateur feat was produced; Mr. Yost being eminent as a contrabass soloist, and an excellent and agreeable and effective; to individualize voice, as executed by this amateur orchestra, with its orchestral arrangements, would have done honor to any one of our superior professional associations.

In his music, Mr. Yost, was a real artist. Violins form the basis of orchestral compositions, while the unique wind instruments of advancing mechanical improvements were unexceptionably developed in tone and artistic finish, accompanying the solo and solo with effective and harmonious. Rosini's "Stabat Mater," with the Twelfth Mass, were most admirably sung with truth and feeling—gems of religious music that assist the worship of the Almighty, to animate the hearer with holy inspiration and thus to raise his thoughts above all earthly considerations. The "Missa Solenne," the "Missa," evoked vocal abilities of cultivated perfection—of qualities rich and full, with judicious expression of intonation. The gentleman who sustained the tenor in "Stabat Mater" (and sang the "Ex-Maria" in Twelfth Mass) has an excellent voice, with a legitimate method; the basso exhibited a fine voice, with good tuition, well-balanced divisions of registers in his solo, "Pro Peccatis;" but both seemed under nervous excitement that militated against their powers.

The lady soprano, "E. B. Brown," acquitted herself with good taste in modulation and chaste ornaments. Indeed, all the soloists deserve a sprig of laurel to commemorate their maiden public efforts. The "Hallelujah" of Handel was extremely well executed. To be brief, to Mr. Yost, as their conductor, must be accorded the need of praise for his brilliant consummation, whose amiable manners and modest merits are only commensurate with his professional genius, which never intrudes its just claims.

Domestic Affairs. Gold closed yesterday at 138 3/4. Ex-Governor Dalton of Connecticut died at New Haven yesterday.

Secretary Fish does not anticipate retiring from the Cabinet at present.

The Internal Revenue receipts yesterday amounted to nearly \$800,000.

A row of small frame buildings was burned in Chicago yesterday morning. Loss, \$150,000.

In a quarrel at Cincinnati on Sunday night, John Howard shot and fatally wounded Alfred Johns.

The House Committee on Foreign Relations will pay an official visit to Cuba and St. Domingo in October next.

Commissioner Fisher assumed control of the Patent Office yesterday, and General Parker of the Indian Bureau.

The Secretary of the New State House Commissioners of Illinois has preferred serious charges against the Board.

The agricultural and mechanical reports will be printed by the Public Printer without the sanction of Congress.

The public debt statement to be published on Saturday next will, from present appearances, probably exhibit a decrease of \$2,000,000.

Captain Warren Gardner and his wife have been committed to Boston for purposely casting away on the high seas the schooner Twilight.

The United States armorer at Springfield held a meeting on Saturday night, to consider the recent action of Congress on the Eight-hour law.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued an order directing that hereafter all property belonging to the department offered for sale, shall be sold by public auction or under sealed proposals.

The boiler of the steamer St. Elmo exploded near Mobile yesterday. One of the employees of the boat was killed, and six severely burned and bruised. None of the passengers were injured.

Charles Doherty and Tim Hammond engaged in a prize fight at Richmond, Va., yesterday. Eighty-six rounds were fought in two hours and ten minutes, when Doherty was declared the victor.

Statements have recently been published in the newspapers, that the Government was making extensive preparations to enforce respect to American interests in Cuban waters and, on the island, in view of the civil war in progress, and to this end, an unusually large fleet would be sent thither. It has, however, been ascertained from authentic sources, that so far from this being the case, the number of vessels to be employed in the public service in that direction will not probably be more than six, or two less than heretofore in the squadron, the number being necessarily limited, owing to the fact that Congress has made a very great reduction in the personnel of the navy. But, apart from this, the vessels to be sent are to be found to be sufficient for all legitimate purposes, as no trouble with the Spanish authorities is apprehended. The fitting out of several of the iron-clads has no particular significance, but is a part of the plan of the Navy Department to save time and other similar vessels, and especially the

machinery, from the decay to which they are now exposed from being out of commission.

Foreign Affairs. LONDON, April 26.—The House of Commons to-day, in committee, resumed the consideration of the bill for the disestablishment of the Irish Church. Mr. Fin, Liberal, moved to amend the bill by striking out those sections in which provision is made for the maintenance of certain church buildings as national monuments. Mr. Gladstone accepted and supported the amendments. After discussion at some length, the House divided, with the following result:—For the amendment, 252; against it, 131.

LONDON, April 26.—A dispatch from Bombay announces the pacification of Cabool. The Afghan chieftains have given in their allegiance to Sher Ali, the present Amier. The son of the deceased Amier of Cabool had fled from the city, and it is believed no further efforts to disturb the reigning prince will be made.

BERLIN, April 26.—The Tariff Committee of the Federal Council of Zollverein are about to submit a project for imposing duty on petroleum imported into Germany.

PEKIN, April 26.—The advice from Peking and Hong Kong have been received. Sir Ruford Alcock, British Minister to China, positively contradicts Mr. Burlingame's assertions that the Chinese desire progress. It is reported that the Catholic missionary in the province of Se-Chuen, and all other converts, have been massacred by the natives.

At the Newmarket races, to-day, the Prince of Wales stake was won by Silenus, with Typhyn second and Myotis third.

MADRID, April 26.—Disturbances were caused by a riotous mob, the description in the city of Seville, but were of a slight character and easily suppressed.

Mutual Wrath Subsidies and Pence Issues. Yesterday morning Senator Sumner and Sherman called upon Senator Sprague, in order to suggest a basis of settlement of the difficulty existing between himself and Senator Abbott. The conversation resulted in Senator Poole joining the Senators above named, and producing a letter from Senator Abbott to Senator Sprague, of which the following is a copy:—

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26, 1899.—To Hon. William Sprague.—Sir:—On the 23d inst., in the United States Senate, you uttered the following language:—

"Mr. President.—In answer to the tirade of the Senator from Nevada, and the Senator from North Carolina, I am reminded of a little illustration. In my travels from the centre here into the surrounding neighborhood, chance at one time brought me to a farm-house. I found, on looking up, a large mastiff and a mongrel puppy-dog. The little dog moved on me with rapidity from behind, bit at my heels, and, frightened at my sudden approach, fled to the house, leaving a larger companion. The Senate will observe that the mongrel, whining puppy, encouraged by the mastiff, and emboldened to attack from the shadow of his backer, ran rapidly away, alarmed at his temerity, while the overgrown cur followed closely behind, and, as he advanced, pulled up his legs, to a place of safety beside his menaced companion."

The language has been understood as meant in part to be applied to me. I am not aware that I have any occasion in my remarks for you to want to offend or insult in any way, and therefore deem it proper to ask that you state distinctly whether you intended to apply any of the above offensive language to myself. I am, sir, very respectfully,

JOSEPH C. ABBOTT.

In reply to this communication of Senator Abbott, Senator Sprague wrote a reply, which was placed in the hands of Senator Sumner, who, together with Senators Sherman and Poole, proceeded to the residence of Senator Abbott, with authority to deliver the letter upon Senator Abbott's behalf, and to certain conditions in the nature of a withdrawal of certain language applied to Senator Sprague, and involving a reply from Senator Abbott to the letter of Senator Sprague, which reply was to be satisfactory both to Senators Sumner and Sherman. The following reply was suggested by Senator Sumner, and accepted by Senator Abbott:—

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26, 1899.—Hon. J. C. Abbott, United States Senator.—Sir:—I have no hesitation in at once replying to your note of this morning, just received, that the paragraph of my speech referred to was written and in my mind at some time before it was delivered in the Senate, and before you participated in the debate, and therefore was not intended to apply to you. Your obedient servant,

W. SPRAGUE.

The following letter, in response to the above, closed the correspondence in a manner satisfactory to all concerned:—

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26, 1899.—Hon. William Sprague.—Sir:—I have pleasure in acknowledging your letter of this date, which shows that I had misconceived your language. My attention to you afterwards in the Senate was founded on misconception, and I ask you to consider it as unsaid.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

JOSEPH C. ABBOTT.

It may be stated that, on Friday or Saturday, Senator Abbott called upon Senator Sprague, and begged him to desist from committing violence on Senator Sprague.

MARINE TELEGRAPH. For additional Marine News see First Page.

ALMANAC FOR PHILADELPHIA—THIS DAY. SUN RISES.....5:41 MOON SETS.....8:24 SUN SETS.....7:51 HIGH WATER.....2:51

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE. J. PHOENIX WETHELLE, SAMUEL G. STOKES, COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH. JAMES DOUGHERTY.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. FOR AMERICA. Calcutta.....Liverpool.....April 2 Louisiana.....New York.....April 7

FOR EUROPE. Holstein.....New York.....April 27 Manhattan.....New York.....April 28

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NOTICE.—THE UNDERSIGNED would call the attention of the public to his NEW GOLDEN RAY FURNACE.

This is an entirely new heater. It is so constructed as to economize fuel to general favor, being a combination of the best of the old and new systems.

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